

TUITION WAIVER FOR FOSTER CHILDREN PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

Question: If am planning on attending college this year when do I apply for the tuition waiver?

Answer: The application must be completed and submitted to DCYF between January 1st and March 15th in the year when you will be attending college in the fall. If that time period has already passed you need to wait until next year to apply.

Question: If I complete the application and meet my institutional financial aid deadline, will I receive an award?

Answer: Applicants are not guaranteed an award. There is only a limited number of waivers available each year (20 new and renewal) and thus recipients will be chosen based on unmet need as well as award availability.

Question: How will it be determined if I am an eligible foster child for purposes of this program?

Answer: Applicants' eligibility will be determined by the New Hampshire Division of Children and Youth under the rules of the program. A student must be less than 23 years of age, and in state foster care for the immediate 6-month period prior to his or her 18th birthday; or in state guardianship or custody at the time of his or her 18th birthday; or adopted while in state guardianship or adopted from the care, custody, and control of the department of human services following a surrender of parental rights; or in an out-of-home placement under the supervision of the division for juvenile justice services at the time of his or her 17th birthday.

Question: What costs are covered by the waiver?

Answer: The waiver covers both tuition and fees at New Hampshire public institutions.

Question: If I receive a waiver will it be in addition to the financial aid I have already received from my institution?

Answer: Not necessarily. It is important to note that your institution will review your current financial aid award for any required adjustments. If you have questions regarding the impact the waiver would have on your financial aid award, contact the financial aid office at the New Hampshire institution where you plan to enroll.

Question: If I received a waiver must I reapply each year or is it automatically renewed?

Answer: You must apply each year by completing:

1. NH Tuition Wavier for Foster Children application
2. File the FAFSA by the financial aid deadline of your institution
3. Application for assistance through the NH Charitable Foundation or CATS.

Question: If I do not receive an award in my freshman year, am I eligible to apply in future years.

Answer: Yes, eligibility will be awarded on an annual basis.

Question: How many awards may I receive?

Answer: The maximum number of waivers a student may receive is 4 annual (for 8 fall or spring semesters).

Question: If I miss the financial aid filing deadline at my institution by a day am I still eligible?

Answer: No. You **must** meet your school's deadline.

Question: What schools may I attend to receive a waiver?

Answer: You must be attending either a 2-year or 4-year New Hampshire public institution: Granite State College, Keene State College, Plymouth State University, University of New Hampshire—Manchester or Durham, New Hampshire Technical Institute, White Mountains CC, River Valley CC, Lakes Region CC, Great Bay CC, Manchester CC or Nashua CC.

Question: If I have a question about the program or completing the application who should I contact?

Answer: Feel free to contact either Amy Slattery (271-2695 or Amy.Slattery@doe.nh.gov) or Robert Rodler (419-0312 or rrodler@dhhs.state.nh.us)